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REMARKS

Prior to entry of this paper, claims 1-29 were pending. In this paper, Claims 1, 7, 12, 15, 16, 18, 22, 24, and 28 are amended; Claims 2, 17, 20, 23, and 25 are cancelled; and Claim 30 is added. Claims 1, 3-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 26-30 are currently pending. No new matter is added by way of this amendment. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the presently pending claims is in condition for allowance.

Claims 7, 14-16, 18, 19, and 25 were identified as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been re-written to include each of the limitations of original Claim 14. For at least this reason, Claim 1 is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 3-6, 8-11, 15, 16, and 21 depend from allowable claim 1. For at least this reason, Claims 3-6, 8-11, 15, 16, and 21 are respectfully submitted to be are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 7 has been re-written in independent form. For at least this reason, Claim 7 is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 12-14 and 30 depend from allowable Claim 7. For at least this reason, Claims 12-14 and 30 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claim 30 is the re-written version of Claim 2. Claim 2 could not be amended to depend from Claim 7 since Claim 7 does not precede Claim 2. Accordingly, Claim 2 was canceled and re-written as Claim 30.

Claim 18 has been re-written in independent form. For at least this reason, Claim 18 is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 19 and 22 depend from allowable Claim 18. For at least this reason, Claims 19 and 22 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 24 has been re-written to include the limitations of allowable Claim 25. For at least this reason, Claim 24 is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Claims 26-29 depend from Claim 24. For at least this reason, Claims 26-29 are respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as pending prior to this paper were in condition for allowance. However, because the most recent Office Action was made final, Applicants have made various amendments and cancellations which are respectfully submitted to render all

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outstanding rejections and objections moot. Applicants reserve the right to claim the subject matter of the claims as pending prior to this paper in a continuation application.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of the presently pending claims (Claims 1, 3-16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 24, and 26-30) are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is requested. Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' representative at the below-listed telephone number if it is believed that the prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby. Although only certain arguments regarding patentability are set forth herein, there may be other arguments and reasons why the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant reserves the right to raise these arguments in the future.

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